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# Letter dated 9 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mohammad Javad Zarif, addressed to you, on the horrific air strikes by the Saudi jet fighters on a funeral hall packed with thousands of mourners in Sana'a (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Gholamali **Khoshroo**
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## Annex to the letter dated 9 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you to express the shock and indignation of the people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the tragic and horrific air strikes by the Saudi jet fighters on a funeral hall packed with thousands of mourners in Sana'a. So far, a cautious figure by the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator, Jamie McGoldrick, has put the death and injury toll at more than 640 people. This horrendous and heinous attack, which has once more displayed an utter disregard for human life by the aggressors against the Yemeni people, is another single incident out of thousands of similar ones in the past 18 months that have killed or permanently maimed thousands of civilians, including women and children, displaced more than 3 million and turned Yemen from deprivation to devastation.

Not only Saudi Arabia but also those who have supported the aggression by the Saudi-led coalition against Yemeni people should be held accountable for the war crimes perpetrated in Yemen over the past year and a half. There is no doubt that the Saudi attacks against Yemeni civilians and civil infrastructure would not have been possible without a full range of expansive assistance by certain Western countries, including through arms supplies, sensitive intelligence sharing, aerial refuelling, joint planning, etc.

In view of the gravity of the situation in Yemen and the devastation caused by the attacks against the funeral hall, the Iranian Red Crescent Society is proposing to arrange for humanitarian assistance, including medical supplies, to the Yemeni people and evacuating the injured to hospitals in Iran. I would like to hereby request your good offices to help make the necessary arrangement for expeditiously dispatching an aeroplane with humanitarian supplies from Iran to Sana'a.

It would be highly appreciated if I could receive a prompt reply from you on this request.

(*Signed*) M. Javad Zarif